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List of Standardized Measures of Intellectual Functioning

This “exclusive” list of intellectual assessment measures has been compiled in accordance with § 19.2-264.3:1.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. Inclusion of an assessment measure on this list does not imply any form of endorsement of the general validity of the measure, or the applicability of that measure to a specific case. It should also be noted that the publishing of this list should not preclude the introduction of specialized measures of neuropsychological or cognitive functioning that may be of relevance to a particular case. Recent research findings regarding the reportedly dynamic nature of measured intelligence, such as those related to the so-called “Flynn effect”, may augur the development of approaches to retrospective diagnosis of mental retardation in adults that require the use of more complex methods for the assessment of intelligence in capital sentencing matters than has been previously been considered necessary.

Previous versions of this list have included comprehensive intelligence batteries, along with several tests that are more limited in scope, such as measures of nonverbal intelligence, or abbreviated tests that may be of value in certain circumstances. The current version of the list includes only those comprehensive intelligence test batteries that measure both verbal and nonverbal reasoning ability, and which require that there be some individual administration of test items by the evaluator. *It is urged that evaluators directly contact the Office of Forensic Services of this department (804- 786-8548; 804-786-9044), if you wish to have additional measures of intellectual functioning considered for inclusion on this list.*

Please also note that § 19.2-264.3:1.1(B), paragraph 2 provides that: “Assessment of developmental origin shall be based on multiple sources of information generally accepted by the field of psychological testing and appropriate for the particular defendant being assessed, including, whenever available, educational, social service, medical records, prior disability assessments, parental or caregiver reports, and other collateral data, recognizing that valid clinical assessment conducted during the defendant’s childhood may not have conformed to current practice standards.” For the purposes of this list, § 19.2-264.3:1.1(B), paragraph 2 indicates that a measure of intellectual functioning does not need to be included on the following list, for purposes of verification of the developmental origin of an individual’s mental retardation.

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Name of Test	Publisher	Age Range
Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Third Edition (WAIS-III) (Includes Spanish language versions, if available) (Previous editions of this measure applicable for historical verification of IQ)	Harcourt Assessment (The Psychological Corporation) 19500 Bulverde Rd. San Antonio, TX 788259-3701	16-89 years
Stanford-Binet Intelligence Test, Fifth Edition (SB5) (Previous editions of this measure applicable for historical verification of IQ)	Riverside Publishing 425 Spring Lake Drive Itasca, IL 60143-2079	2-90+ years
Kaufman Adolescent and Adult Intelligence Test (KAIT) (Includes Spanish language versions, if available)	Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. 16204 N. Florida Ave. Lutz, FL 33549	11-85 years
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fourth Edition (WISC-IV); (Includes Spanish language versions, if available) (Previous editions of this measure applicable for historical verification of IQ)	Harcourt Assessment (The Psychological Corporation) 19500 Bulverde Rd. San Antonio, TX 788259-3701	6-16.11 years
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Third Edition (WISC-III). This measure has been recently replaced with the publication of the WISC-IV; the 3 rd edition is likely to have continuing use in the near future, however, until the WISC-IV has been fully established in the field. (Includes Spanish language versions, if available) (Previous editions of this measure applicable for historical verification of IQ)	Harcourt Assessment (The Psychological Corporation) 19500 Bulverde Rd. San Antonio, TX 788259-3701	6-16.11 years
Leiter International Performance Scale-Revised (Leiter-R) (Previous editions of this measure applicable for historical verification of IQ)	Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. 16204 N. Florida Ave. Lutz, FL 33549	2-20.11 years
Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scales (RIAS)	Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. 16204 N. Florida Ave. Lutz, FL 33549	3-94 years
Multidimensional Aptitude Battery-II	Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. 16204 N. Florida Ave. Lutz, FL 33549	16-74 years

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